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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN RESTRICTEES AND DETAINEES

REF: STATE 44580

1. ASSISTANT HEAD OF RHODESIAN DEPARTMENT AT FCO, PETER BARLOW, HAS GIVEN EMBOFF LIST OF RESTRICTEES AND DETAINEES IN RHODESIA, AS WELL AS LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED. LIST WAS PROVIDED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (IA) AND ICRC, BUT GIVES NO INDICATION AS TO WHETHER INDIVIDUALS NAMED BELONG TO ZAPU, ZANU OR FROLIZI. COPY BEING FORWARDED TO AF/S.

2. LIST SHOWS NAMES OF 30 RESTRICTEES AND DETAINEES RE-
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LEASED TO DATE, INCLUDING GARFIELD TODD; BRITISH BELIEVE

TODD IS STILL A RESTRICTEE, REDUCING THIS LIST TO 29. IN ADDITION, ICRC HAS REPORTED 41 UNNAMED PERSONS RELEASED FROM WHA WHA PRISON ON DECEMBER 21. THIS GIVES A TOTAL OF 70 RESTRICTEES AND DETAINEES RELEASED. BRITISH HAD HEARD THAT AN ADDITIONAL 30 TO 40 WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED AROUND CHRISTMAS, BUT WERE NOT. TOTAL FIGURE STILL DETAINED AND RESTRICTED IS 339 POSSIBLY PLUS 53 IN GWELO WHOM THE ICRC HAS TOLD THE BRITISH WERE TRAINED IN THE USSR OR CHINA. THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY ALREADY SERVED THEIR SENTENCES, BUT ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION.

3. ACCORDING TO BARLOW, PRISONERS HAVE BEEN PUT IN THREE CATEGORIES: A) THOSE WHO WERE RESTRICTED OR DETAINED FOR PURELY POLITICAL REASONS; B) THOSE GUILTY OF INCITEMENT TO COMMIT ILLEGAL ACTS; C) THOSE INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE. EVERYONE RELEASED SO FAR HAS BEEN IN CATEGORY (A) AND BRITISH BELIEVE THIS INCLUDES ALL MEMBERS OF ZANU AND ZAPU EXECUTIVE.

4. BARLOW WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION FROM EDDISON ZVOBGO AND SAID THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ADVISING ANY RHODESIANS PLANNING TO RETURN TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA NOT TO DO SO BEFORE GETTING ADVICE FROM INSIDE THAT COUNTRY, EITHER FROM RELATIVES OR LAWYERS. BRITISH HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO WHO MIGHT BE ARRESTED UPON RETURNING TO RHODESIA, BUT BELIEVE THAT SMITH CAN INTERPRET RELEVANT LAWS IN WAY TO ALLOW DETENTION OR RESTRICTION OF ANYONE HE WISHED. BARLOW ALSO DESCRIBED SCANLON AND HOLDERNESS FIRM AS REPUTABLE AND HIGHLY RESPECTED. HE HAD NO OPINION WHETHER ZVOBGO WOULD BE ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION OF MEMBER OF ZANU EXECUTIVE, ALTHOUGH AGAIN NOTED THAT BRITISH BELIEVE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

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